<u>Galatians 6:1</u>* Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

If we see a brother or sister continue to walk away from their commitment to the Lord, it is scripture to restore such a one to fellowship with the Lord and the saints of God. BUT BEWARE of our reasoning and judgement.

There is no excuse for sin and we sin by giving the devil authority to afflict us by believing and yielding to HIS temptations.

1Corinthians 4:21* What will ye? shall I come unto you with a rod, (harsh or judgmental) or in love, and in the spirit of meekness? (yet in truth with an explanation)

Such as

Romans 6:16* Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

1 Corinthians 6:9* Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, In this particular incident where alcohol is involved, here are some scriptures pertaining to drink.

<u>Proverbs 23:31</u> Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. (fomented)

<u>Proverbs 20:1</u> Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

<u>James 4:7</u>* Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

2Thessalonians 3:14-15* And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.

Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

<u>2Corinthians 13:1* This is the third time</u> I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established

1John 5:16* If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it.

We are to pray one for another, so pray before you go and talk to your brother and bind satan from any interference when you talk to him. If he will listen and repent; you have gained your brother. If not see 2Cor 13:1, three times with witnesses before you excommunicate him from the church.

1John 2:10* He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.

Trust this sheds some light o your question

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